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<sup>\*</sup>Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)



#### OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Her	erbert A. Orr Jr. , swear (or affirm) that, to the best of		
my kno	wledge and belief the accompanying financial st S. Sterling Securities, Inc.	atement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of	as
of Dec	cember 31	, 20 08 , are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) th	nat
	the company nor any partner, proprietor, principed solely as that of a customer, except as follows	pal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any accounts:	t
Yso	JESSICA BIANCHING Notary Public, State of New York No. 01Bi6137943 Qualified in Suffolk County Term Expires December 5, 2009 Notary Public	Signature President / CEO  Title	
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 $<sup>**</sup>For \ conditions \ of \ confidential \ treatment \ of \ certain \ portions \ of \ this \ filing, \ see \ section \ 240.17a-5(e)(3).$ 

# US STERLING SECURITIES, INC. Financial Statements December 31, 2008

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Officers and Directors of US Sterling Securities, Inc. 700 Veterans Memorial Highway Hauppauge, NY 11788

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of US Sterling Securities, Inc. as of December 31, 2008 and the related statements of income, changes in equity, and cash flows for the period then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of US Sterling Securities, Inc. as of December 31, 2008, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

DePietto CPA's, PC February 26, 2009

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# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

# **December 31, 2008**

#### **ASSETS**

Current Assets Cash Clearing deposit Due to clearing Prepaid corporate taxes		\$	26,630 25,000 408 53	
Total Current Assets			•	52,091
Other Assets Security deposit			18,355	
Total Other Assets			•	18,355
TOTAL ASSETS			:	\$ 70,446
	LIABILITIES AND EQU	JITY		
Current Liabilities Accounts payable Total Current Liabilities		\$_	1,000	1,000
Equity (Deficit) Common stock Additional paid in capital Retained earnings Total Equity (Deficit)			10 75,114 (5,678)	69,446
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQ	QUITY			\$ 70,446



#### STATEMENT OF INCOME

#### For the Period Ended December 31, 2008

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Commissions\$ 188,085Miscellaneous income1,135Interest income650

Total Revenues 189,870

Expenses:

Accounting\$ 1,000Administrative fees130,000Bank charges21Clearing fees22,041

Total expenses 153,062

Net Income **\$ 36,808** 

# US STERLING SECURITIES, INC. STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (DEFICIT)

# For the Period Ended December 31, 2008

	Equity
Balances - Beginning of year	\$ (42,464)
Prior period adjustment	(22)
Net Income	36,808
Balances - at December 31, 2008	\$ (5,678)



#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

# For the Period Ended December 31, 2008

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:  Net Income  Adjustments to reconcile net income to	\$	36,808
net cash flows from operating activities: Increase in clearing deposit Increase in due from clearing broker Decrease in due to clearing broker Increase in security deposit Increase in accounts payable Prior period adjustment		(15,474) (408) (997) (18,355) 1,000 (22)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		2,552
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	·	
Net Decrease in Cash		2,552
Cash - Beginning of year	·	24,078
Cash - End of Period	<b>\$</b>	26,630



#### US STERLING SECURITIES, INC. Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2008

#### **NOTE 1:** Nature of Business

#### **Organization**

US Sterling Securities, Inc. (The "Company") was formed in the state of New York as a corporation. The company is a registered member in the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) as a broker/dealer and commenced operations in March 10, 1992. All of the Company's trades are cleared through its agent, First Southwest Company.

#### **NOTE 2:** Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### a) Revenue Recognition

Securities transactions (and the recognition of related income and expenses) are recorded on a settlement date basis, generally the third business day following the transaction date. There is no material difference between trade and settlement date.

#### b) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers demand deposited money market funds (net of haircuts) and U.S. treasury obligations to be cash and cash equivalents.

#### c) Income Taxes

As of the date of audit there was a prepaid corporate tax balance of \$53. There was no provision for corporate taxes accrued as of December 31, 2008. For financial statement purposes the prepaid corporate tax is shown as a current asset on the balance sheet. However, this prepaid corporate tax is being shown as net against accrued payables on the December 31, 2008 Focus Report.

#### d) Property and Equipment

Furniture, fixtures and equipment are carried at cost. Depreciation is provided by using the modified accelerated cost recovery system (MACRS) over an estimated useful life of three to ten years. The method is used for book and tax purposes and does not differ materially from Generally Accepted Accounting Principle (GAAP) depreciation methods.

Maintenance, repairs and renewals that neither materially add to the value of the property nor appreciably prolong its life are charged to expense as incurred. Gains and losses on disposition of property and equipment are included in income.



#### US STERLING SECURITIES, INC. Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2008

#### NOTE 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont.)

#### e) Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that management uses.

#### **NOTE 3:** Net Capital Requirements

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1) which requires broker dealers to maintain minimum net capital. The ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, shall not exceed 15 to 1 for ongoing concerns. The company's current requirement is \$5,000. At December 31, 2008, the Company had a net capital of \$51,038 which was \$46,038 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000. The Company's net capital ratio was 0.01 to 1.

#### NOTE 4: Concentration of Funds

The company does not maintain inventory of stocks, bonds or other security positions at risk.

### NOTE 5: Disclosure of Statement of Financial Condition

A statement indicating that the Statement of Financial Condition of the most recent annual audit report of the broker or dealer pursuant to sec. 240.17a-5 is available for examination at the principal office of the broker or dealer and the regional or district office of the Securities & Exchange Commission for the region or district in which the broker or dealer has its principal place of business.

#### **NOTE 6:** Exemption Provisions

The Company has elected an exemption from Rule 15c3-3 based on section (2)(ii), which states that all customer transactions cleared through another broker-dealer be on a fully disclosed basis. The clearing firm being used is First Southwest Company.



# COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL Under SEC Rule 15c3-1

#### For the Period Ended December 31, 2008

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Equity			\$	69,446
Deductions and/or charges Non-allowable assets:				
Prepaid expenses				53
Security deposits  Total non-allowable assets				18,355 18,408
Total Holf-allowable assets				10,400
Tentative Net Capital				51,038
Haircuts				0
Net Capital (15c3-1)	• .		\$	51,038
AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS				
Items included in statement of financial condit	tion:			
Accounts payable			\$	1,000
Total indebtedness				1,000
COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQ	UIREMENT			
Minimum net capital requirement			<u>\$</u>	5,000
Excess net capital			\$	46,038
Ratio: Aggregate indebtedness to net capital			.01	to 1
DIFFERENCES TO NET CAPITAL COMPUTATI ACCORDANCE TO RULE 17a-5(a):	ON OF ORIG	GINAL FOCU	S FIL	ING IN
	Original	Per. Cert.		erences
•	Filing	Financial		iling vs
	X-17A-5	Report	Fina	ancial
Total Net Assets	\$ 70,447	\$ 70,446	\$	1
Total Liabilities	1,000	1,000		-
Ownership Equity	69,447	69,446		1
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 70,447	\$ 70,446	\$	1
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Difference is due to rounding.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE

Board of Directors and Stockholders US Sterling Securities, Inc. 700 Veterans Memorial Highway Hauppauge, NY 11788

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of US Sterling Securities, Inc. for the period December 31, 2008 we considered its internal control structure, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission, we have made a study of the practices and procedures (including tests of compliance with such practice and procedures) followed by US Sterling Securities, Inc. that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g)(1) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and the procedures for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c-3-3.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal accounting control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of control procedures and of the practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the Commission's above mentioned objectives.

Two of the objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets for which the company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in any system of internal accounting control, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projections of any evaluation of the system to future periods are subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected with a timely period by employees in the normal control structure that we considered to be material weaknesses as defined above, except for:

The size of the business and resultant limited number of employees imposes practical limitations on the effectiveness of those internal control structure procedures that depend on the segregation of duties. Since this condition is inherent in the size of the Company, the specific weaknesses are not described herein and not corrective action has been taken or proposed by the Company.

The foregoing condition was considered in determining the nature, timing and extent of the procedures to be performed in our audit of the financial statements of US Sterling Securities, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2008 and this report does not affect our report thereon dated February 26, 2009.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the Commission to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that except for the effect, if any, of the condition indicated in the preceding paragraph, the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2008 to meet the Commission's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the use of management and the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and other regulatory agencies which rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers/dealers and should not be used for any other purpose.

DePietto CPA's PC Lake Success, New York February 26, 2009

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